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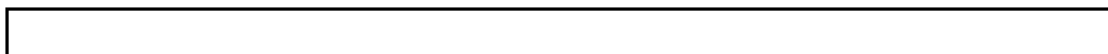
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NATO-Cuba: [Five NATO governments, including those whose ships have been most involved in trade with Cuba under Soviet bloc charter, have indicated that they both lack authority to interfere with the shipping of non-strategic materials and have reservations in principle about such interference.]

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[The five countries are Britain, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, and Denmark. Five others have stopped or will stop permitting the charter of ships under their registry to the Soviet bloc for trade with Cuba.]

[Recent discussions in the North Atlantic Council have demonstrated a somewhat greater understanding than formerly that implications of the Cuban problem extend beyond the western hemisphere. US Ambassador to NATO Finletter sees little likelihood, however, that this increased understanding will diminish the reluctance of the major shipping powers to take more than informal action in discouraging such charters.]

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Britain-EEC: [The Macmillan government has increased the vigor of its campaign to take Britain into the Common Market.]

[The US Embassy London comments that the government has emerged from the commonwealth conference with "unshakable intention" to push Britain's membership. For reasons of domestic electoral strategy, London will try to adhere to a tight timetable in the negotiations in order to get an agreement ratified by Parliament before August 1963.]

[British public opinion is still in a state of flux, according to the embassy. Uncertainty on the issue continues to exist in the Labor Party. Even if the party officially states its opposition to British membership in the Common Market, some Labor members of Parliament may side with the government.]

Ghana: [Recent visitors to Nkrumah report that he continues to be highly distraught, probably because of the failure of his security services to track down the persons responsible for the current wave of political bombings.]

[Ambassador Mahoney, who saw Nkrumah on 22 September to protest recent attacks on the US by Ghana's controlled press and radio, gained the impression that Nkrumah is under great emotional strain and is flustered, "with no time for anything." After an interview on 20 September, British High Commissioner De Freitas said he thought Nkrumah might be losing effective control over the administrative apparatus.]

[Nkrumah has made no public appearances since the direct attempt on his life on 1 August, remaining under heavy guard in his official residence. He now seems convinced that the bombings are "an inside job."]

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*USSR: In an effort to restrict personal income, which has been growing out of proportion to available consumer goods and services, Moscow yesterday announced the suspension of its program for gradually abolishing income taxes.

The program, which went into effect in October 1960, was not to have been completed until 1965. Up to this time, only the lowest paid workers have benefited. Since the income tax represents a very small share of budget revenues, it is unlikely that Moscow took the action in order to prevent a "loss" of revenue. From the standpoint of the wage earner, the tax averages about seven percent of personal income.

As in the case of the June price increase on meat and butter, which was also directed in part against the inflationary gap, the USSR blames this unpopular action on "the increasingly aggressive actions of imperialism."

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